

STOCKS, BONDS, COTTON, GRAIN

BETTER FEELING IN THE STOCK MARKET

A Variety of Causes Combine to Produce the Day's Improvement.

GROWING EASE OF MONEY

Straitened Condition of the Market Has Apparently Been Passed Now.

NEW YORK, September 19.—The sources from which sprang the better speculative feeling prevalent in the stock market to-day would be difficult to define accurately. The market was largely professional and the influence to which most attention was paid were such as are usually favorites with the speculative class of operators on the floor. The personality of the brokers or firms which were executing the large orders in stocks, their possible affiliations and various other financial projects that might lie back of the operations made up the stock in trade of those who claimed to explain the market. The incident of an extended uncovered short interest in the market which was made uneasy by the aggressive appearance of the advance undoubtedly constituted an important item in the explanation of the market. Special movements in individual stocks from time to time have given rise to speculations of developments favoring these properties. Such was the recent movement in the Hill stocks, which was accompanied by similar movements in other stocks. The Burlington which would be followed by an extra dividend distribution of profits. To-day Union Pacific held the place in the market that was previously held by the Hill stocks. The straightened condition of the money market for a long time past has been a bar to the long involving resort to credit, but the growing ease of money with the satisfaction of the special needs of the large syndicate transactions of last week removes this bar. There was some early unsettlement in the market due to the influence of the renewed depression in the metal stocks. The statement of the intended policy on the part of the large copper producers given out yesterday, while not a surprise was a disappointment in not offering an encouragement for the more hopeful feeling over the outlook for a resumption of demand for the metal. But the reaction in the metal stocks, the entire set of stocks to the influence of the decline in the metal stocks was made a subject of favorable interpretation over the condition of the market.

The continued rise in the New York city bonds and the advance in the United States convertible bonds, the rise to the bond market, and was a helpful influence on the whole market. Bonds were firmer. Total sales, par value, \$2,165,000. United States bonds were unchanged on call. Total sales to-day, \$75,500 shares.

NEW YORK, September 19.—Money on call steady, 4 per cent; ruling 4 1/2; closed bid, 2 offered at 2. Time loans firm and dull, sixty days, 5 1/2 per cent; 90 days, 6 per cent; 6 per cent bid. Prime mercantile paper, 7 per cent. Sterling exchange steady, with actual business in bankers' bills at \$4.85 1/2 for demand and at \$4.81 1/2 for 60 days bills. Commercial bills, 60 days, 5 1/2. Bar silver, 67 3/4. Mexican National Bank of Mexico bonds steady. Railroad bonds firmer.

RICHMOND STOCK MARKET. Richmond, Va., September 19, 1907. STATE SECURITIES. Bid. Asked. North Carolina 4 C. 1910, 98 1/2 Va. 5, Old, C. and R., 1922, 88 1/2 Va. Centuries, 5, Old, C. and R., 89 1/2

RAILROAD BONDS. C. & O. R. R. Con. Tr., 4 p. c., 87 1/2 American Pac. 1st 6 C. 1922, 113 1/2 Georgia, South, and Fla., 1916, 102 1/2 Georgia, Ala. and Fla., 1912, 102 1/2 Nor. and West. Ry., 4, 1916, 94 1/2 Nor. and West. Pac., 4, 1914, 106 1/2 Western N. C., 4, 1914, 106 1/2

RAILROAD STOCKS. Atlantic Coast Line "A", 100 82 Atlantic Coast Line "B", 100 82 Ches. and Ohio, 100 82 Ches. and Ohio, 100 82

BANK AND TRUST CO. STOCKS. American National, 100 132 1/2 First National, 100 121 1/2 Merchants National, 100 100 1/2 National Bank of Va., 100 104 1/2

MISCELLANEOUS. Va.-Car. Chem. pfd., 5 p. u., 95 58 Va.-Car. Chem. non-voting common 100 58 Va.-Car. C. Co. Col. Tr., 5 p. c., 103 1/2

BALTIMORE STOCK MARKET. BALTIMORE, Md., September 19.—Seaboard Air Line, common and preferred—Nothing doing.

COTTON MARKETS. NEW YORK, September 19.—The cotton market was rather inactive to-day and showed further irregularity with the close steady at a net advance of 5/8 points. Sales were estimated at about 250,000 bales. The opening was steady at a decline of 2 1/2 points, which was about in line with disappointing cables. There was some buying for a few days' cover, but shortly thereafter the market rallied to a net gain of 1/2 point, one of the main factors apparently being a continuation of the demand for January here against sales in Liverpool. This advance was checked by a renewal of liquidation and bear pressure, accompanying rumors that Southern yarn spinners were going to curtail their production tending to check demand, but after selling off to a net loss of 7 points on the active months, the market rallied again on apprehensions of a full normal or of a cold winter owing to the low temperature reported in the Northwest. The close was only 2 or 3 points off from the top. Several wires were received during the day, claiming that farmers in the Southwest were refusing to accept the lower prices offered for spot supplies.

Receipts at the ports to-day were 25,000 bales against 24,000 last week and 113,112 bales against 99,150 last week and 1,853,585 last year. To-day's receipts for New Orleans 713 bales against 3,611 last year.

Cotton futures opened steady and closed steady. Range was as follows: Open. High. Low. Close. September, 11.90, 12.00, 11.80, 11.95 October, 11.80, 11.90, 11.70, 11.85

CHICAGO GRAIN MARKET. CHICAGO, September 19.—December wheat passed the dollar mark to-day and sold at 1 1/8. The advance was caused, possibly, by export demand and fresh reports of damage in Western Canada. At the close the price of No. 2 hard winter wheat was 1 1/8, 1/2 cent higher than yesterday's closing. Leading futures ranged as follows: Open. High. Low. Close. Wheat, 1.18, 1.19, 1.17, 1.18

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CLOSING BOND QUOTATIONS.

Table with columns: U. S. refunding 2s, registered, 105 1/2, U. S. refunding 2s, coupon, 106, etc.

NEW ORLEANS, LA., September 19.—COTTON—Spots closed firm with prices unchanged; middling, 11.44 1/4, 11.44 1/4

BALTIMORE, MD., September 19.—FLOUR—Spot and unchanged. Wheat—FLOUR: No. 2, 100 1/2; No. 3, 100 1/2

RICHMOND GRAIN MARKET. Richmond, Va., September 19, 1907. WHEAT: No. 2, red, (car lots) 1.02 1/2

CATTLE MARKETS. RICHMOND LIVE STOCK MARKET. (Sales at Union Stock Yards.) Richmond, Va., September 19, 1907.

NEW YORK PRODUCE MARKET. NEW YORK, September 19.—FLOUR—Quiet and firm. Rye Flour and Cornmeal—Firm. Barley—Steady. Wheat—Spot firm

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